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FM AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1493

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 1820

CINCLANT AND CINCPAC FOR POLADS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR MOPS PFOR PBOR SO US

SUBJ: US NAVAL VISIT TO MOMBASA -- SOMALI TERRITORIAL WATERS

REF: A. STATE 242995; B. MOGADISCIO 1790;

C. STATE 236019 (NOTAL)

1. BECAUSE SOMALI GOVERNMENT HAS TRADITIONALLY SHOWN GREAT SENSITIVITY TO U.S. VESSELS APPROACHING ITS COAST AND IN VIEW OF SOMALIA'S RECENT UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA, URGE THAT ORISKANY AND ACCOMPANYING VESSELS REMAIN AT LEAST TWELVE MILES OFF SOMALI COAST DURING THEIR PASSAGE TO AND FROM MOMBASA.

2. IN RECENTLY DELIVERED DIPLOMATIC NOTE (REF B) EMBASSY INFORMED GSDR THAT USG DOES NOT RECOGNIZE SOMALI 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE IT UNNECESSARY AND UNWISE TO INFORM GSDR FOREIGN OFFICE OF SHIPS' PASSAGE (THEREBY SETTING  
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UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT).

3. SO LONG AS ORISKANY FOLLOWS NORMAL OFFSHORE SHIP LANE  
(ROUGHLY CORRESPONDING TO 1,000-FATHOM LINE) IT UNLIKELY  
SOMALIS WILL BE AWARE OF PASSAGE; EVEN IF THEY SHOULD NOTE  
PASSAGE, WE DOUBT THEY WOULD TAKE ANY ACTION OTHER THAN PRO-  
TESTING PASSAGE "FOR THE RECORD".  
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